

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Annual General Meeting October 19, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Neil Fleming, Stan Kobylko, Art Erickson, Kenn Petruk, Tracy Muloin, Dave Mussell, Stan Franklin, Nicole Richardson, Jeff Richardson, Jordyce Van Muyden, Kristi Pasko

Susan Ellis, Robert Gibbs, Gordon Kerr, Krish Pasko, Dale Haakonson, Randy Haakonson, Craig Merrills, Bill Russell

1. Introductions

2. **Presentation**
Bob Gibbs and Susan Ellis presented on “Developing the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan”. Questions and comments were entertained.

3. **Approval of 2015 AGM Meeting Minutes**
Motion that the minutes be approved as amended (Art / Kenn)

Motion carried.

4. **Approval of 2016 AGM Agenda**
Motion to approve (Neil / Art)

Motion carried.

5. **Annual Report from Chair**
Stan presented his annual report (see attached). Stan highlighted the progress on developing the watershed management plan and the cooperation among summer villages, county, and other partners.

6. **Presentation: Dave Mussell and the TOR for the Wabamun Lake Watershed Plan**
Motion (Stan F/ Neil):

That the Board of Directors approve the proposed participation of the WWMC with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) in the development of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for Wabamun Lake.

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Committee to work with AEP and the NSWA and other partners to develop consensus based Terms of Reference for the Wabamun IWMP that will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Motion Carried.

7. Treasurer's Report

Neil presented the Treasurer's Report (attached).

Motion (Neil /Art): that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

8. Special Resolution to Amend WWMC Bylaws

Motion (Art /Stan K)

*That Article 6 Section 2 of the WWMC Bylaws (**Financial Audits**) be amended to read:*

The financial statements shall be audited, reviewed or approved at least annually within 90 days of the fiscal year end by a duly qualified accountant or other qualified person.

Motion Carried.

Elections of Board Members

Neil Fleming facilitated the election of the incoming board of directors. Three new prospective board members—Tracy Muloin (Art / Stan K) Renee Bliss (Stan K / Kenn) Jordyce Van Muyden (Kenn / Stan K)—were unanimously approved. Neil asked three times for further nominations from the floor. No further were heard from the floor and accordingly Neil declared the process closed. The Board will elect the members of the Executive Committee at the next board meeting on November 16th 2016.

Closing Remarks

Adjourned at 9:35pm.

Wabamun Watershed Management Council
Financial Statements for 2015- 2016

Balance Sheet with Previous Year Comparison

| | <u>30-Jun-2016</u> | <u>1-Jul-2015</u> | <u>\$ Change</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Chequing/Savings | | | | |
| Servus Credit Union | 13,377.76 | 10,053.91 | 3,323.85 | 33.06% |
| Total Chequing/Savings | 13,377.76 | 10,053.91 | 3,323.85 | 33.06% |
| Total Current Assets | 13,377.76 | 10,053.91 | 3,323.85 | 33.06% |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>13,377.76</u> | <u>10,053.91</u> | 3,323.85 | 33.06% |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | | | |
| Equity | | | | |
| Opening Members Equity | 10,053.91 | 9,308.77 | 745.14 | 8.00% |
| Net Income | 3,323.85 | -3,583.65 | 6,907.50 | -192.75% |
| Total Equity | 13,377.76 | 5,725.12 | 7,652.64 | 133.67% |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>13,377.76</u> | <u>5,725.12</u> | 7,652.64 | 133.67% |

Income & Expense with Previous Year Comparison

| | <u>1-Jul-2015</u> | <u>1-Jul-2014</u> | <u>\$ Change</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | to 30-Jun-2016 | to 30-Jun-2015 | | |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Donations | 1,525.00 | 1,385.00 | 140.00 | 10.11% |
| Grants | 5,878.68 | 4,000.00 | 1,878.68 | 46.97% |
| Interest | 5.49 | 1.45 | 4.04 | 278.62% |
| Memberships - Corporate | 2,000.00 | 2,200.00 | -200.00 | -9.09% |
| Memberships - Personal | 100.00 | 500.00 | -400.00 | -80.00% |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>9,509.17</u> | <u>8,086.45</u> | 1,422.72 | 17.59% |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| State of the Watershed Report | | | | |
| Outreach to Residents | 284.54 | 1,465.80 | -1,181.26 | -80.59% |
| Riparian Assessment Project | | | | |
| Website Renewal Project | 5,025.93 | 164.65 | 4,861.28 | 2952.49% |
| Administrative Supplies | | 33.26 | -33.26 | -100.00% |
| Bank Servie Charges | 21.51 | 24.50 | -2.99 | -12.20% |
| Conferences and Workshops | 853.34 | 180.00 | 673.34 | 374.08% |
| Honorariums | | 150.00 | -150.00 | -100.00% |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | <u>6,185.32</u> | <u>11,670.10</u> | -5,484.78 | -47.00% |
| NET INCOME | <u>3,323.85</u> | <u>-3,583.65</u> | 6,907.50 | 192.75% |

These financial statements of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council have been approved by:


 Sue Evans, CAO S.V. Seba Beach

Original Signed by:


 Kelly Aldridge, Past Chair, WWMC

September 15, 2016

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CHAIR REPORT

WWMC AGM

OCTOBER 19, 2016

Overview

2016 appears to have been a reasonably good year for Wabamun Lake. Lake levels were within historical range and water quality and clarity were very good. The early departure of the ice and the warm spring appear to have given aquatic vegetation a head start in some areas such as Sunshine Bay. This is probably reflective of normal cyclical environmental impact on the lake.

Invasive species and boat launch capacity continue to be priority issues. In spite of the absence of lakeside inspection facilities, there is no evidence that mussels have found their way into the lake. Boat launch capacity problems are still a long-term concern but inclement weather on high use weekends this year seems to have mitigated some of the stress. Both of these issues are under review (see: WWMC Fall 2016 Newsletter).

The current state of the fishery in Wabamun Lake as well as for other Central Alberta lakes is being examined by fish and game associations to determine if declining populations of species such as Pike have been influenced by current Catch and Release policies or are attributable to other factors (see: WWMC Fall 2016 Newsletter).

2016 Projects

The WWMC continued to provide input into the development of Parkland County's Watershed Land Use Plan for Lake Wabamun and the Highvale End Land Use Area Structure Plan. We are also working with Parkland County to conduct field investigations of Wabamun watershed wetlands identified in a recent countywide, map based identification of wetlands.

In association with the Lakes of Parkland County group and the University of Alberta, the WWMC is participating in a project entitled "Track the Water Cycle". This project involves volunteers collecting water samples from lakes and shoreline wells and subjecting those samples to isotopic analysis to determine the sources of lake water (ground water, precipitation, surface runoff etc.). This project is ongoing but interim results should be available this fall.

The WWMC assisted Nature Alberta and Parkland County with shoreline assessments of Wabamun lakeside properties within Parkland County. The project template is taken from an

Ontario program entitled "Love Your Lake". Information gathered this summer and fall will be produced in a confidential report form for each property surveyed. The reports will, in appropriate cases, identify opportunities for shoreline rehabilitation and naturalization. Property owners will receive a personalized code to access their own property report on the project website.

Stewardship Collaboration and Coordination

It goes without saying that effective lake stewardship requires buy in from all stakeholders in the watershed. This can be a significant challenge. I am pleased to report that there has been an expressed consensus among the major stakeholders (Alberta Environment and Parks, Parkland County, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, the Village of Wabamun, Summer Villages and the WWMC) to work together on watershed issues. One example of this consensus in operation is the current ad hoc committee studying interim boat launch options for 2017 (see: WWMC Fall 2016 Newsletter).

The Province's "Water for Life" policy has as its stewardship cornerstone for each watershed, an Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP). Key objectives of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan are to develop a science based consensus among stakeholders about what needs to be done, who is going to do it and to ensure that there will be consistent and coordinated implementation.

Starting this fall, AEP, NSWA and WWMC will be working together to develop draft Terms of Reference for a Wabamun Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. While the process of developing an over arching WMP proceeds, development and implementation of specific components of the Plan may proceed in advance of the completion of the Plan. (e.g., Parkland's Wabamun Watershed Land Use Plan which is a component of an IWMP).